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We are in receipt of two contributions, sent in the same wrapper, but written by different persons, both without signature. The one is entitled "The Child," and the other, "Bitter-Sweet." We shall be glad to give space for their publication, if the authors will send us their names. In this connection we wish to say that often we receive church news, signed, "A Member," or not signed at all, or it is accompanied by a request not to sign the name of the writer. A few such have been published, but we prefer not to do it. Please sign your name to your communications.

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## Personal Mention

Brother Keifer reports another accession at Zion Hill, and prospects for more.

Brother E. H. Smith reports one accession to the church. He has taken charge of the church at Sergeantsville, N. J.

Brother L. W. Ditch has been treated to a very pleasant surprise by his people. That is one of the things in a pastor's life which he always enjoys.

A new church has lately been dedicated in the Glenford charge, Brother Bowman, pastor. Brother Mackey, of Elk Lick, Pa., preached the dedicatory sermon.

## BRETHREN EVANGELIST

This week brother R. R. Teeter moves to Mill-edgeville, Ill., where he takes charge of that congregation as pastor. Brother Talley, the former pastor, goes to Chicago.

The October report of the National Mission Board by the secretary, Brother Cassel, will appear next week. We are glad to say the report is better than the last month, but is yet far from what it ought to be.

We trust the short communication from Sister Detwiler on another page is only an introduction and that we may hear from her often. We will gladly give a page to the sisters each week if they will furnish matter for it.

The report of the secretary of the Ohio Mission Board, Brother Deffenbaugh, in this issue, is given in detail, and to say the least it is not very encouraging, but as much so as the secretary could make it. If the churches of Ohio want a better report they can have it by sending more money to Brother Deffenbaugh.

At Ridgely, Md., Brother Bowman recently dedicated a new church and installed a pastor for the congregation. A short series of revival services resulted in twelve accessions. The pastor, Brother Barnum, was lately ordained to the full ministry in the Philadelphia church. Ridgely is one of the mission points, established and cared for by the Philadelphia church, until now it has grown into a congregation able to support itself.

A card from Brother Horner, Brighton, Ind., states that they are in the midst of a glorious revival, many souls coming to Christ. Brother L. S. Bauman is doing the preaching. Full report later. Brother Miller is pastor of this congregation, and has been doing excellent work, preparing the field for such an ingathering. "Herein is the saying true, one man sows another reaps." May both rejoice and have their reward for faithful service, whether sowing or reaping.

We are in receipt of a circular announcing a series of revival services in the Falls City church, by the pastor, assisted by Brother Gillin. The circular contains a large half tone cut of Brother Gillin. Subjects announced for the first week are: (1) What is a Revival, and How to Have One? (2) Judgment in God's House. (3) Fear of the Lord Defined. (4) The Influence of Example. (5) Daily Teaching and Practice. (6) The Syro-Phoenician Woman. The Brethren in Falls City evidently are in earnest and we shall look for good results from the coming meeting which begins November 15.

Brother Talley has now joined Sister Gibbons in the mission, Chicago. Please note what he says as to sacrifice required for this work. He leaves one of the best congregations in the brotherhood, one which he has served for six years, where he has many friends, where the salary was always promptly paid (and it was not a mean salary), all this he forsakes, in the sense of sacrifice of course, to take charge of a work that means continued sacrifice and hard labor. It is done by faith and not by sight. Now let the entire church rise to the support of this mission and make the Brethren church in Chicago a great power for good. Brethren, we can hold up the hands of Brother Talley, not only in our prayers, but in that which helps to answer our prayers. The Lord bless Brother Talley in his new field of labor, and richly reward his efforts in saving souls.

Brother Myers gives an interesting report of his work in the Berlin charge. Under his labors the Lord is constantly adding to the church such as are being saved. The Berlin Record makes the following note of his work: Rev. M. C. Meyers, who arrived here less than a year ago, is beginning to make his influence felt as a vigorous and conscientious worker in the field of his endeavors. As an indication of his success we refer to the rededication of the new church at Custer, which for the last five years has been contending with the burden of a heavy debt. The dedicatory services took place last Sabbath, when the debt was entirely liquidated. There

was a large attendance of members of the Brethren persuasion and friends. Rev. Meyers is now holding a series of revival meetings at the church. On this and Saturday evening, services will be held by Rev. Meyers at the Berlin church and on Sunday morning at the same church there will be preparatory services, followed by communion services in the evening.

## Brief Notes

A wild animal may sometimes be smoked out of his den when all other efforts to expel him have failed. There is that besetment of yours which is so securely lodged in some corner of your nature that all the sticks and stones of discipline have been unable to run it out. Try another method. Kindle a fire of holiness in that den, and the ugly beast will run over you in its effort to get away.

No one saw the little violet hidden in the depths of a wide pasture; there were no admiring eyes to gaze upon its beauty, no smiling face bending over it to drink in its fragrance, no exclamations of delight over the delicate and wonderful coloring, nevertheless it did all it could do to be lovely; it drank in the sunshine and the dew, it smiled up at the sky from morn' till night; it poured its fragrance without stint upon the winds; it received and it gave as God appointed. Learn we a lesson from the hidden violet. However obscure our lives, let us receive and give as God has appointed, as unto the Lord.

It is said that the eye of a dragon fly contains 28,000 polished lenses. Upon what principle of economy was so much skill wisdom and patience expended on an object apparently so worthless? God fashioned and polished and set in place that wonderful instrument, and was probably as careful to do it perfectly as when he startled heaven by the creation of an archangel. There is no task too small, no work so apparently unimportant, that we may not do it thoroughly. And then who knows what is important or unimportant? 'The dragon fly is worthless,' says the proud genus homo. 'That Earth biped is worthless,' might say some superior creature of the celestial universe, as he surveys many a specimen of our race. Suspend judgment, we say, until the end of the matter. God will justify all his works.

In the celebrated Gobel in Tapestry works of Paris, France, the artist works his wonders from the wrong side of the pattern, and therefore cannot see while he works the visions of color and design which are so marvelous in their elaborate finish and lustre. It is so with many a toiler in the web and woof of daily life who can see only the dull side of work, who toils in the commonplace and uninspiring tasks, who feels the burden of labor made heavier by its wearing monotony, and who sees no adequate reward for the outlay of his life. But for every faithful and patient worker, the bright vision of the finished plan, the beautiful design which God has hidden behind dull years of toil and trial, of affliction and temptation, of weariness and sorrow, will come forth for the admiration of the universe and the unfading delight of the astonished and emancipated worker.

The Methodist church has at last won the victory. The Missionary Secretary announces that the entire debt of the Missionary Society—\$186,000 has been wiped out, and November 3, the bulletin shows at least \$1,000 over the line. The Secretary says: "Pull out all the stops of the organ, and let all the people sing, 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow,' over this victory." We rejoice with our brethren over this result and trust that the liberal people of that church may now fill their treasury and do a yet greater work in bringing the world to Christ.

Very few people realize what they owe to the past. We are inclined to ignore the past in this progressive age of the world and move forward forgetful of the debt we owe to those who have made it possible for us to enjoy the glorious privileges which are ours. Our liberty may have been dearly bought, bought with the blood of those who have gone before us,